

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 17, 2008, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement to one of the following purportedly independent and distinct inventions pursuant to 35 USC § 121:

- Group I. Claims 1-5 drawn to a dry pump apparatus;
- Group II. Claims 6-16 drawn to a method for reducing the incidence of restart failure in a dry pump; and
- Group III. Claims 18-19, 23-24 drawn to a computer readable medium which carries instructions to be executed by a processor, the instructions which, when executed, define a series of steps to carry out an automated shutdown sequence of a dry pumping mechanism.

Applicant elects Group II, claims 6-16, drawn to a method for reducing the incidence of restart failure in a dry pump.

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